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COMPUTER AND INTERNET FACILITY
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have provided the computer and internet facility to villages of all the States;

(b) if so, the names of those States and the State-wise number of villages which are availing of this facility;

(c) the target fixed by the Government in regard to provide this facility in the States which are deprived of this facility so far; and

(d) the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a),(b),(c) and (d): Through a few pilot projects supported by the Government, computers and internet facilities have been provided to some rural areas. National Informatics Centre has implemented `Warana Wired Village Project` which provides computer and internet connectivity to 70 contiguous villages around Warana in the Kolhapur and Sangli Districts of Maharashtra.

Under `Community Information Centre` (CIC) Programme of Ministry of Information Technology, 487 Blocks in North Eastern States and Sikkim are being provided with computer facilities and internet connectivity. Thirty Blocks have already been established.

No specific targets have been fixed by the Government in regard to providing computers to villages in all States.